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REMARKS

This Response is filed to answer rejections raised in the Office Action dated August 4, 2003. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's continued thorough examination of the application as evidenced by the Office Action. In response to the Office Action, Applicant has not amended Claims 1-5, as Applicant believes that these claims are patentable in their current form over the cited references. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the application.

I. Request for Telephonic Interview

Applicant's counsel hereby requests a telephonic interview after the Examiner has had an opportunity to review the remarks provided below. Such an interview would be brief and would focus only on the current rejections and cite references. Applicant's counsel Kevin Ransom can be reached at 704-444-1017. Applicant has submitted a formal interview request with this Response.